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**AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**Introductory Comments**

This Amendment is in the revised format according to the Office of Patent Administration Notice dated January 31, 2003. In response to the most recent Office Action regarding this patent application, which action was dated December 19, 2002, applicant has cancelled claims 5 and 6, without prejudice, has amended claims 1, 2, 3, 7-9, inclusive, and 12-14, inclusive, and has added new claims 16 and 17 which have been written to create independent-claim forms of cancelled claims 5 and 6, respectively, which cancelled claims were indicated to contain allowable subject matter in the above-referred to Office Action. The pages contained in this amendment which bear the amended, cancelled, and new claims also include all of the other claims now present in the subject patent application. Additionally, applicant has corrected two minor typographical errors on page 11 of the specification, has introduced, on this same

specification page, certain language which provides antecedent basis for language employed herein in claim amendment, and is submitting herewith a new plate of drawings containing Figs. 3 and 4 in order to correct a lead-line drawing error which was inadvertently made with respect to the lead-line which extends from reference numeral and character 58c in Fig. 3.